The Experience of China Customs in Natural Disaster Relief

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Outline

- Emergency Plan
- Response Mechanism
- Operational Priorities
- Lessons learned
Emergency Plan

- National Public Emergency System
- 19 National Plans for Public Emergencies So Far
- Natural Disaster Relief Emergency Plan is one of the 19 Plans
Emergency Plan

- Customs Emergency Plan
- Under the Leadership of the State Council
- Coordination with Central and Local Governmental Agencies
Response Mechanism

- Emergency Office of the State Council
- Headquarters of a Specific Emergency
- Joint conference
Response Mechanism

- Four level Responses
  - Level 1
  - Level 2
  - Level 3
  - Level 4
Response Mechanism

- Customs Respond at National and Regional Levels
- The Activation of the Emergency Plans of Customs at National and Regional levels
Operational Priorities

- Communication among Headquarters in Beijing, the regional Customs and the field
- Officer 24 hours on duty, DG in the field
Operational Priorities

- **Special Liaison Officer in Charge of Coordination with Other Agencies & NGO**
- **24 Hour Clearance Service**
Operational Priorities

- Fast Clearance of the Goods and Means of Transport
- Customs Duties Exemption for the Goods
- Temporarily Admission of Medical and Rescue Equipment
Lessons Learned

- Awareness
- Preparedness
- Predictability
- Communication
- Coordination